ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

DURING the last war, the United States built warships so fast that it nearly ran out of names.

Ships of various kinds were named after stars, trees, birds, fish, rivers, geographical areas and battles. The names had to be easily spelled and not too similar to one another. They had to be free from coarse double meanings.

Capt. William F. Calkins, USNR, tells in the current Reader's Digest how he coped with this tricky problem.

One can sympathize with his efforts to steer clear of names that were confusing, obscene or undignified. It is true enough that there is only a limited number of fish that have names fit to bestow on submarines. Nobody can quarrel with Capt. Calkins for his refusal to call a submarine the USS Big-Eyed Shad, USS Minnow or USS Sardine.

However, I am disturbed by the following account of the trouble the U.S. Navy had in naming aircraft carriers after it ran out of famous battles:

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"We temporized for a while by naming carriers after bodies of coastal water, but these soon threatened to run out. When we got to the ragged coastline of Alaska, however, we were overjoyed to find many new and original names.

"Some sounded a little exotic, but maybe they were Eskimo. Truth dawned slowly. We had forgotten that the Russians were the first settlers of Alaska. That was one time we burnished names off ships in a hurry."

Those Russian names had been attached to American territory ever since the United States bought Alaska from Russia in Tsarist days. (Incidentally, the first settlers were Indians and Eskimos, not Russians.)

If those were such dangerously subversive names, why didn't Uncle Sam send a Geographical Service agent, or G-man, up there to arrest them, long ago?

"All right, Wrangell, Kotzebuie Straits, Yakutat Bay and Juneau, you'll have to come with me down to headquarters for questioning. I'm a federal officer—Geographical Service. Here's my badge. You too, Kuskokwin Bay, Seward Peninsula, Shelikof Strait and Cook Inlet. Maybe you thought you were safe, tucked away in those odd corners at the top of the map. But we've had you under observation for some time."

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However, Uncle Sam took no such action against those names. Everybody assumed that they were naturalized American names. Now it turns out that they are aliens after all. They can't join the navy.

The same thing happened to hamburger during the first German war, I'm told. Canada made it "Salisbury steak." The United States called it "Liberty steak." The name of Berlin, Ontario, was changed to Kitchener.

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It's comical and childish—but dangerous too. People may quarrel. But when humans hate other humans so much that their feeling spread to words and things, they have lost touch with reality. And after a time they hate one another's symbols so deeply that they forget there are human beings behind those symbols, with hopes, fears and ambitions quite similar to their own.

Such hatred is not sane. It is the kind of madness that could lead to death for millions of people.

Cooling Two Hot Dogs

In a 11,396-mile stroll, "Walking John" Frey tramped from Alaska to Miami, Fla. He was on the road 528 days and used up four pair of shoes.

Trotskyites Protest Security Bill

Million Strike in Ceylon

COLOMBO, Ceylon (CP)—Steel-helmeted police patrolled Colombo yesterday as an estimated 1,000,000 Ceylonese joined in a one-day general strike. The capital became an armed camp.

Military reserves were called out and 5,000 troops were stationed at key points to prevent violence. Essential services were maintained and there were no reports of any incidents.

The strike was organized by the Trotskyite opposition Lankd Sama Samaja party to protest the public security bill which empowers the government to impose military law and a curfew in troubled areas without declaring a national emergency.

Most offices and stores were closed. Hotels were without staffs and newspapers did not publish. Some government offices kept open with skeleton staffs.

Buses moved in convoys with armed escorts but train service was normal, although there were fewer passengers than usual.

Public meetings were banned and most of the strikers stayed in their homes.

Surprise Snow Blankets Halifax

HALIFAX (UPI) — Nova Scotians were caught unawares by an unexpected blizzard which brought a heavy snowfall to most of the province yesterday with six and one half inches falling on Halifax.

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Anti-U.S. Riot Racks La Paz

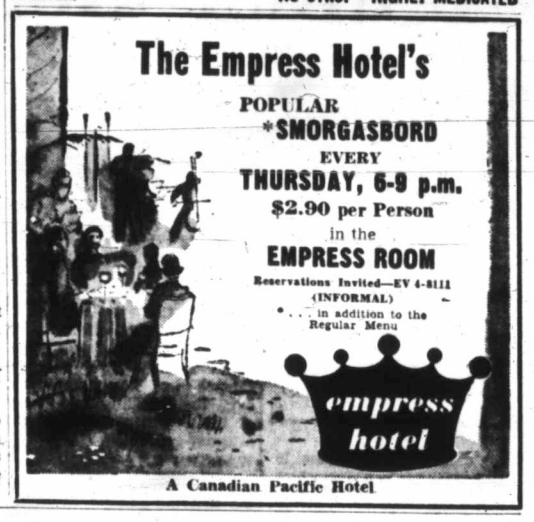
LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Police fired to break up a small, taunting group of demonstrators rushing at the silent and apparently abandoned U.S. embassy here yesterday.

A Bolivian dentist in a side street was killed by a stray police bullet. None of the demonstrators was reported hurt.

The embassy people had gone into hiding to escape demonstrations touched off by a Times Magazine article that enraged the Bolivian people.

The article quoted an unnamed U.S. Embassy official. It said he made the following assertion as a "wisecrack."

"'The only solution to Bolivia's problems is to abolish Bolivia. Let her neighbors divide up the country and the problems'."



A Canadian Pacific Hotel

Not Enough Canadians To Defend Us—John D.

OTTAWA (UPI) — Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said yesterday Canada's survival in the event of another war is dependent upon co-operation with the United States in defence matters.

But he emphasized in the House of Commons that Canada must have equal participation with the U.S. in decisions on common defence, including the placing of defence contracts. He said Canada had not yet attained the equal footing she desires.

The prime minister denied opposition criticism that Canada's sovereignty was being encroached upon by the U.S.

"There is no sovereignty without survival," he said. He added that there aren't enough Canadians to defend this country without outside help.

He said Canada must be defended because laying as she does between the U.S. and the Soviet Union she could never be neutral in a clash between the two great powers.

Mr. Diefenbaker said that the Conservative government had in fact reversed a trend from the Liberal administration by taking over from the U.S. operations of Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line bases in Canada.

In a debate that ended with the government winning two votes of confidence, the prime minister said that Opposition Leader Lester B. Pearson last Aug. 8 had suggested that Canada follow the defence course since undertaken by the Conservatives.

The prime minister said Pearson told the Commons that Bomarc ground-to-air guided missile bases should be installed in Canada and that this country should concentrate on radar lines and the associated communications set-up as part of its defence contribution.

Mr. Diefenbaker reminded the House that in the following month he announced the decision to build Bomarc bases in Northern Ontario and Quebec.

The prime minister also reiterated his stand that the government did not see fit to continue production of the CF-105 Avro Arrow jet interceptor in order to provide employment.

"There is no purpose in manufacturing horse collars when horses no longer exist," he said.

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Canada-Japan A-Pact?

OTTAWA (CP) — Canada hopes to sign an agreement with Japan on the peaceful uses of atomic energy by the spring, External Affairs Minister Smith said Tuesday in the Commons.

Such an agreement would set out terms for sale of Canadian uranium.

Mr. Smith said informal discussions have been held by Canadian Embassy officials in Tokyo and that Japan is expected to send a delegation to Ottawa soon to sign an agreement.

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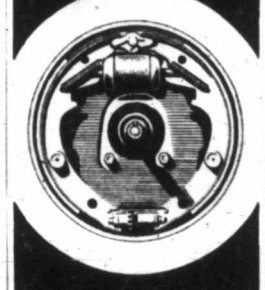
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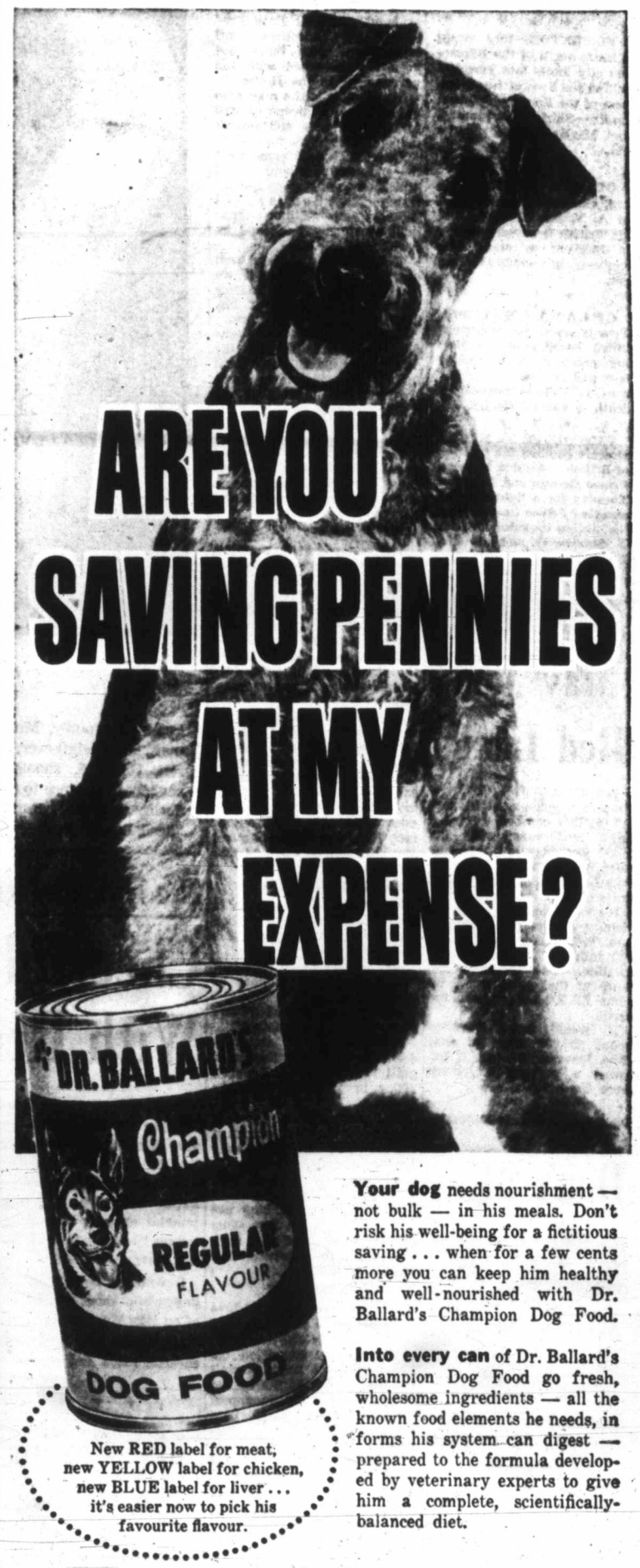

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Management Likes Act

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merce, said both labor and management should welcome the news that the Trade Union Act will be changed to make organizations with power legally responsible for their actions.

Outlawing of sympathy and informational picket lines was hailed by Mr. Dunn.

"Innocent people shouldn't be made to suffer in other people's disputes," he said.

"I think it is fair to say everyone would greet legislation that might improve our terrible batting average in labor-management relations that was recorded in B.C.'s centennial year."

The greatest benefit to the community arising out of the proposed new Trade Union Act will be its power to limit work stoppages to parties having a legitimate dispute, said George H. Wheaton, V.C. vice-president of the Canadian Construction Association and former president of the Victoria Building Industries Exchange.

"It looks like good, sound legislation to me," he commented.

Mr. Wheaton said that everyone was concerned with the current trend to involve parties in labor disputes with which they had no direct connection.

He cited the case of a recent local strike in which truck drivers of the firm concerned had picketed not only their own premises but those of outside jobs.

"I take it secondary picketing of this sort will be made illegal," said Mr. Wheaton.

He said it would probably also keep unions from setting up picket lines outside premises where they had no jurisdiction over the employees therein.

"This is merely intimidative picketing," said Mr. Wheaton.

Regarding informational picketing also to be banned, Mr. Wheaton believed that the unions' primary purpose in such cases was not to warn the public that a dispute existed, but to frighten other union people not involved.

"The government is right to stop this kind of blackmailing," he added.

Mr. Wheaton said the government was also on sound lines in forcing unions and employers to become societies liable to be sued for their actions.

"Unions have not accepted the responsibility that goes with power," he said. "This will make them legally, if not morally, responsible."

As he saw it either union or employer could be taken to court and sued for damages for illegal strike or lock-out. It would also give innocent parties a chance to claim damages.

Mr. Wheaton hoped that the government would follow the Trade Union Act up with more legislation that would assure employees of the "right to work."

All U.S. on Alert For Bank Robber

CANTON, Ohio (UPI)—The intense search for elusive Frank Sprenz, 29, daring "airplane bank robber on the FBI's "10 most wanted" list, centred in the Canton-Akron area yesterday but a nationwide alert was issued.

State highway patrolmen frankly admitted "the way that guy gets around, he could be anywhere in the country now."

Sprenz was traced here after abandoning a car he bought at Coshocton with part of the $25,955 loot he took from the First National Bank shopping centre branch at Hamilton Monday.

The five-foot nine-inch dark complected fugitive fled from the bank in a stolen car, hopped in a stolen private twin-engine airplane and flew from Hamilton to near Coshocton before the gasoline was about exhausted.

Police immediately kept a close watch at nearby Akron where his wife lives and where his current crime spree started when he made a daring break from the Summit County jail last April. Twice before he had broken out of Ohio prisons.

Ship Calendar

NAVY

New Glasgow returns at noon today; Fortune, Cowichan, James' Bay and Miramichi return at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

MERCHANT SHIPPING

Victoria—Niobe in port; Raphael due Saturday; Dingedyk due March 15; Loch Avon left yesterday.
Nanaimo—Judith Ann.
Tahsis—Leone.
Alberni—Choctaw; Fern Point; Roland; Bessengen, and Santa Fe.

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Weather Forecast

March 4, 1959

Cloudy with sunny periods. Little change in temperature. Light winds. Tuesday precipitation, .02 inch. Sunshine, one hour 42 minutes.

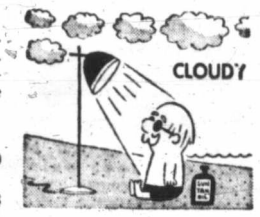
Recorded Temperatures

High 46 Low 40

Forecast Temperatures

High 48 Low 38

Sunrise 6.53 Sunset 6.01



East Coast of Vancouver Island — Cloudy with sunny periods. Little change in temperature. Light winds increasing in Georgia Strait in the afternoon to southeast 15. High and low at Nanaimo, 48 and 32.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Mostly cloudy with occasional rain in the northern part, sunny periods in the southern part. Little change in temperature. Winds light, increasing in the northern part to southeast 15 in the morning and 25 in the afternoon. High and low at Estevan, 48 and 38.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
St. John's	22	24	
Halifax	28	30	.20
Montreal	15	37	Trace
Ottawa	18	36	.03
Toronto	32	40	
North Bay	28	33	.02
Port Arthur	17	23	Trace
Kenora	5	22	.03
Winnipeg	1	15	--
Brandon	7	24	--
The Pas	8	18	
Regina	12	28	Trace
Saskatoon	16	32	--
Prince Albert	5	27	--
North Battleford	17	32	--
Swift Current	26	29	--
Medicine Hat	30	41	--
Lethbridge	30	39	.20
Calgary	27	41	--
Edmonton	24	40	.08
Kimberley	22	44	--
Crescent Valley	23	46	.29
Kaslo	29	42	.20
Grand Forks	25	46	--
Kamloops	29	49	--
Penticton	29	50	--
Vancouver	34	47	--
Prince Rupert	36	41	.13
Prince George	29	41	.02
Whitehorse	24	33	.02
Seattle	36	49	.01
Portland	37	53	.02
San Francisco	47	59	--
Los Angeles	51	69	--
Spokane	31	44	--
Chicago	28	39	.03
New York	35	50	--